



OUR MISSION

To better the lives of each and every member by being the strongest, most powerful voice in the industries we represent.

ONE UNION

Our strength is forged through unity by every member within our union working together, regardless of our individual trades, throughout North America. We stand united as one, transcending individual differences and creating collective power.

ONE FAMILY

We stand together as one. We support, care for, and respect each other in our union halls, on and off the job, each and every day. We leave no members behind.

ONE FIGHT

We fight together for stronger contracts – that means safer job sites, industry leading pay, and democracy at work. When we win stronger collective bargaining agreements for IUPAT members we win higher standards of living for every worker in our crafts.



HIT THE BRICKS! (OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION)

- **June 7** - [Rochester Labor Canvass](#) - 9:30am-12pm, meet at NYSUT, 30 N Union St, Ste 302, Rochester, NY 14607.
- **June 7** - DC4 Community Day of Action in Canandaigua - 8am-4pm, [Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., New York Chapter #1](#), 17 Foster St, Canandaigua, NY 14424. We will be painting the full exterior of their facility in Canandaigua, NY. This project helps support veterans and families in need of assistance. S.T.A.R. credit hours or Apprentice make up time will be offered. We have tee shirts for participants and lunch will be provided. Please check your schedule and sign up on this link below or the QR code even if you can only participate for morning or afternoon shifts. <https://go.iupat.org/rRujXN>. For more information, please reach out to event organizers David Chaffee 585-413-8699 or William Cody 585-364-9839.
- **June 14** - Labor for Jorge DeFendini Canvass - 2pm-4pm, 609 W Clinton St, Ithaca, NY 14580. **Jorge is a dues paying DC4 member, Director of Programming & Development at Midstate Center for Occupational Safety and Health (MCOSH), and he's running for First Ward Common Councilperson in the City of Ithaca.** DC4 proudly endorses his campaign and hopes that Ithaca-area members will join him for a Canvass Walk on June 14th. Register [here](#).
- **June 14** - Rochester Juneteenth Parade - The Rochester Labor Council Racial Justice Committee will be marching in the Juneteenth parade on June 14th. It'll be an incredible event and will be followed by a community fair and festival in MLK park. Check out this [link](#) for details, reach out to Sharifa Prior at sharifaprior@gmail.com with any questions.
- **June 21** - BUFFALO UNITED Rally & March for Liberation and Freedom - 11am, Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY.
<https://www.facebook.com/share/14t8EmP84B/>.
- **June 21** - Labor Lyceum: Insurgent Labor with David Van Deusen - 1pm, 30 N Union St, Rochester, NY 14607. David Van Deusen is an organizer, unionist and President Emeritus of the Vermont State AFL-CIO. He has recently authored Insurgent Labor. In his book he charts the rise of the UNITED! slate to create a progressive and militant labor organization. He chronicles the many victories throughout his tenure including expanding union democracy into the rank and file, moving power away from single individuals and into democratic structures, supporting farm workers, supporting Black self-determination, and providing solidarity with the Revolution in Rojava. The boldest step undertaken by the Vermont AFL-CIO—and marker of years of steady progress in labor organizing and raising of political consciousness in Vermont—was authorizing a call for a

general strike throughout Vermont as a possible response to the November 2020 coup threat by then US President Donald Trump. This book should be of interest to anyone, whether they have merely thought of joining a union or are an old union hand. Most importantly, Insurgent Labor offers a blueprint for militant labor's advances in an era of capitalist polycrisis and offers hope for a brighter future based around equality, justice, and true democracy. Register [here](#).

- If you're interested in becoming a central labor council delegate, call, text or email Joe Guza at (716) 458-5844 or jguza@dc4.org.

VOC MEETING

Our next VOC Meeting will be held **via Zoom Thursday, June 19, 2025 @ 5:30pm**. Look out for the link!

PHOTO CONTEST

Submit your photos [here](#)! Photos from the field help promote our union trades and display our impact in our local communities. Plus, you could win a gas card!

EDUCATE, AGITATE, ORGANIZE!



On the Line interviewed Jimmy Williams Jr, the General President of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT). In this moment of political upheaval and attacks on the working class, Jimmy has been outspoken about the need to organize and fight back to defend our immigrant communities, to defend free speech, and to defend the labor movement. The political leadership of the Democratic party has failed to build any real resistance. The labor movement must step up to lead working class resistance to the billionaire agenda. Listen [here](#).

WHAT MAKES A UNION? (LABOR HISTORY)

- **June 1:**
 - **1906** - The Cananea strike begins in Mexico.

- **1966** - The United Farm Workers conducts its first strike in Texas.
- **June 2:**
 - **1786** - 26 journeyman printers in Philadelphia stage the trade's first strike in America over wages: a cut in their \$6 weekly pay.
 - **1952** - The U.S. Supreme Court rules that President Harry Truman acted illegally when he ordered the Army to seize the nation's steel mills to avert a strike.
- **June 3:**
 - **1900** - International Ladies Garment Workers Union founded.
 - **1935** - More than 1,000 Canadian men, working at "Royal Twenty Centers" established by the Canadian government to provide work for single, unemployed homeless males during the Great Depression, begin an "On to Ottawa Trek" to protest conditions at the camps. They were being paid 20 cents a day plus food and shelter to build roads, plant trees and construct public buildings.
- **June 4:**
 - **1912** - Massachusetts becomes the first state to establish a minimum wage.
 - **1947** - The House of Representatives approves the Taft-Hartley Act. The legislation, among other things, allows the president of the United States to intervene in Labor disputes. President Truman vetoed the law but was overridden by Congress.
 - **1956** - The AFL-CIO opens its new headquarters building, in view of the White House.
- **June 5:**
 - **1933** - The U.S. Employment Service was created.
 - **1937** - A general strike by some 12,000 autoworkers and others in Lansing, MI, shuts down the city for a month in what was known as the city's "Labor Holiday." The strike was precipitated by the arrest of 9 workers, including the wife of the auto workers local union president. The arrest left 3 children in the couple's home unattended.
- **June 7:**
 - **1904** - Militia sent to Cripple Creek, CO, to suppress Western Federation of Miners' strike.
- **June 8:**
 - **1904** - A battle between the Militia and striking miners at Dunnville, CO ended with 6 union members dead and 15 taken prisoner. 79 of the strikers were deported to Kansas 2 days later.
 - **1966** - Some 35,000 members of the Machinists Union begin what is to become a 43-day strike against 5 airline carriers. The mechanics and other ground service workers wanted to share in the airlines' substantial profits.
- **June 9:**
 - **1937** - The mayor of Monroe, MI organizes a vigilante mob of 1,400 armed with baseball bats and teargas to break the

organizing picket line of 200 striking workers at Newton Steel. The line is broken, 8 are injured and hospitalized. 16 workers' cars were vandalized, 5 cars overturned, and 8 more were dumped into the river.

- o **1963** - President Kennedy signs a law mandating equal pay to women who are performing the same jobs as men (Equal Pay Act).

- **June 12:**

- o **1904** - 50,000 members of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen employed in meatpacking plants walk off their jobs; demands include equalization of wages and conditions throughout U.S. plants.
- o **1981** - Major League Baseball strike begins, forces cancellation of 713 games. Most observers blamed team owners for the strike - they were trying to recover from a court decision favoring the players on free agency.

- **June 14:**

- o **1872** - Unions legalized in Canada - roughly 60 years before the United States.
- o **1990** - The Battle of Century City. Police attack some 500 janitors and their supporters during a peaceful SEIU demonstration against cleaning contractor ISS. The event generated public outrage that resulted in recognition of the workers' union and spurred the created of an annual June 15 Justice for Janitors Day.

- **June 16:**

- o **1918** - Railroad union leader and socialist Eugene V. Debs speaks in Canton, OH on the relation between capitalism and war. 10 days later he is arrested under the Espionage Act, eventually sentenced to 10 years in jail.

- **June 17:**

- o **1873** - Susan B. Anthony goes on trial in Canandaigua, NY for casting her ballot in a federal election the previous November in violation of existing statutes barring women from the vote.
- o **1903** - Mary Harris ("Mother Jones") leads a rally in Philadelphia to focus public attention on children mutilated in the state's textile mills. 3 weeks later, the 73-year-old leads a march to New York City to plead with President Theodore Roosevelt to help improve conditions for the children.

- **June 18:**

- o **1941** - Union and civil rights leader A. Philip Randolph and others meet with President Roosevelt about a proposed July 1 March on Washington to protest discrimination in war industries. A week later, Roosevelt orders that the industries desegregate.

- **June 19:**

- o **1912** - 8-hour workday adopted for federal employees.
- o **1937** - The Women's Day Massacre occurs in Youngstown, OH when police use tear gas on women and children, including at least one infant in his mother's arms, during a strike at Republic Steel.

- **June 20:**

- **1941** - Henry Ford recognizes the United Auto Workers and signs contract for workers at the River Rouge plant.
- **1943** - Striking African American auto workers are attacked by KKK, National Workers League, and armed white workers at Belle Isle amusement park in Detroit. 2 days of riots follow, 34 people are killed and more than 1,300 are arrested.
- **1977** - Oil begins traveling through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. 70,000 people worked on building the pipeline.
- **2018** - A report issued by the National Center for Education Statistics says that nearly 1 in 5 teachers hold down an income-producing job outside the classroom.
- **June 21:**
 - **1877** - 10 miners accused of being militant "Molly Maguires" are hanged in PA. A private corporation initiated the investigation of the 10 through a private detective agency. A private police force arrested them, and private attorneys for the coal companies prosecuted them. "The state provided only the courtroom and the gallows," a judge said many years later.
 - **1948** - The U.S. Supreme Court upholds the right of unions to publish statements urging members to vote for a specific congressional candidate, ruling that such advocacy is not a violation of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act.
 - **1997** - An estimated 100,000 unionists and other supporters march in solidarity with striking *Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* newspaper workers.
- **June 22:**
 - **1922** - Violence erupts during a coal mine strike at Herrin, IL. A total of 36 are killed, 21 of them non-union miners.
- **June 23:**
 - **1978** - OSHA issues a standard on cotton dust to protect 600,000 workers from byssinosis, also known as "brown lung."
 - **1999** - A majority of the 5,000 textile workers at 6 Fieldcrest Cannon textile plants in Kannapolis, NC, vote for union representation after a historic 25-year fight.
- **June 25:**
 - **1938** - The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) passes Congress, banning child labor and setting the 40-hour work week.
- **June 26:**
 - **1894** - Members of the American Railway Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, refuse to handle Pullman cars in solidarity with Pullman strikers. 2 dozen strikers were killed over the course of the strike.
 - **1959** - The 189-mile-long St. Lawrence Seaway opens, making the Great Lakes accessible to Atlantic shipping. Thousands of laborers toiled for decades to make it happen. Indirectly and directly, the Seaway supports 75,000 jobs in Canada and 150,000 in the U.S.
- **June 27:**
 - **1905** - The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), also known as the "Wobblies," is founded at a 12-day-long convention in

Chicago. The Wobbly motto: "An injury to one is an injury to all."

- o **1935** - Congress passes the National Labor Relations Act, creating the structure for collective bargaining in the United States.
- **June 28:**
 - o **1894** - President Grover Cleveland signs legislation declaring Labor Day an official U.S. holiday.
- **June 30:**
 - o **1998** - Up to 40,000 New York construction workers demonstrated in midtown Manhattan, protesting the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) awarding of a \$33 million contract to a nonunion company. 18 police and 3 demonstrators were injured. "There were some scattered incidents and some minor violence," Police Commissioner Howard Safir told the *New York Post*. "Generally, it was a pretty well-behaved crowd."

Labor News

- ['Now This Is Pretty Cool' - NABET-CWA-Represented Podcast Workers 'Innovate with New Audio Union Bug'](#)
- [Unionized Video Game Workers 'Reach Historic & Monumental' Tentative Contract Agreement with Microsoft](#)
- [The 'True' Unemployment Rate Soars Past 24% - Black Workers 'Hit Hardest'](#)
- [The IBEW Touts "Landmark" Agreement with CBS](#)
- [Americans Favor Labor Unions Over Big Business Now More Than Ever](#)
- [Trump NLRB Pick Has History of Crushing Unions](#)
- [Buffalo is a Union Town - But for Hotel Workers, Union-Busting Runs Rampant](#)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE UNION

The DC4 Women's Committee is off the ground and running! We are looking for women members who interested in serving as Delegates from the Women's Committee to their locals (think of yourself as an Ambassador of the Women's Committee). If you are interested please reach out to [Heather Lewandowski](#) or [Joe Guza](#). Also, the Women's Committee private Facebook Group is now available. **Apply for membership [here](#).**

